

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1648  
Due Date: October 25, 2003**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant:  | Ulrich Schubert et al  | Examiner:       | Mary Mosher     |
| Serial No.: | 09/913,927   | Group Art Unit: | 1648            |
| Filed:      | January 14, 2002   | Docket:         | G&C 151.2-US-WO |
| Title:      | SYNTHETIC PEPTIDE OF REGULATORY VIRUS PROTEIN R (VPR) OF<br>HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1) AND THE<br>UTILIZATION THEREOF |                 |                 |

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2003, which was made final, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application. Because October 25, 2003, fell on a Saturday, this response is timely filed on the next business day, Monday, October 27, 2003.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 5.

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